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SUBJECT: CODEL BINGHAM - ANKARA VISIT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING ITS TWO DAYS IN ANKARA, CODEL BINGHAM MET WITH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL, FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL, MFA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CSCE MATTERS AND VARIOUS OTHER PERSONS AS REQUESTED BY CODEL. ALTHOUGH STAY IN ANKARA WAS BRIEF, CODEL WAS ABLE TO HAVE A GOOD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING CSCE AND US-TURKISH RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS VERY RESPONSIVE TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR CODEL APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. ON NOVEMBER 9, AFTER ATTENDING COUNTRY TEAM MEETING, CODEL BEGAN ITS CONTACTS IN ANKARA WITH A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OZDEMIR BENLER, A SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON CSCE MATTERS WHO WAS A KEY TURKISH PARTICIPANT IN THE CSCE PROCESS. BENLER TOLD CODEL THAT THE GOT BELIEVED THAT THE NEGOTIATION OF THE "FINAL ACT" HAD BEEN A USEFUL EXERCISE AND THAT THE RESULTING DOCUMENT COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR GRADUAL BROADENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. HE SAID GOT VIEWS CSCE AS A DIALOGUE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND CONSIDERS IT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE VERY LITTLE RELEVANCE IN ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH ITS ALLIES.

BENLER ALSO SAID THE GOT IS EXPECTING PROGRESS ON FOLLOW-UP TO BE EXTREMELY SLOW AND IS ANTICIPATING NO DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE JUNE 1977 BELGRADE MEETING.

3. CODEL BINGHAM NEXT ATTENDED A WORKING LUNCHEON GIVEN BY THE MFA DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND ATTENDED BY SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY. DURING THIS LUNCHEON, THE PRIMARY TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS US-TURKISH RELATIONS. THE RESULT WAS A USEFUL EXCHANGE, BUT NOTHING NEW EMERGED DURING THE CONVERSATION.

4. CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO A HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF TURKEY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD DETENTE AND ITS PARTICIPATION IN CSCE. CAGLAYANGIL ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE MEETING TO PRESENT THE CODEL TURKISH VIEWPOINT ON THE AEGEAN PROBLEM, CYPRUS, AND US-TURKISH RELATIONS. ONCE AGAIN, NOTHING NEW EMERGED.

5. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY, CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM MET (AS HE HAD REQUESTED) WITH THE PUBLISHER OF THE NEWS WEEKLY YANKI, MEHMET ALI KUSLALI. AT AN EVENING DINNER IN CODEL'S HONOR, HE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK AT SOME LENGTH WITH SENATOR KAMRAN INAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

6. ON NOVEMBER 10, CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. BINGHAM MADE A COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FOR ISTANBUL (SEPTEL). TURKISH RADIO AFTERNOON NEWS REPORTED THAT CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM HAD SAID AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE HAD HAD A VERY GOOD MEETING WITH THE PRIMIN AND THAT HE HOPES AND BELIEVES US-TURKISH COOPERATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRONG.
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